European Commissioner for Devicolam.

63. *Mr. **G. Narayana Iyer**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any of the European planters in Devicolam petitioned them in 1110 or 1111 for the appointment of a European officer as Commissioner of Devicolam ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay a copy of the petition on the table ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No such petition has been received.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

Sannads for practising as Vakils granted to retired Judicial Officers.

64. *Mr. **M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:-

(*a*) how many Judges of the High Court have been given the *sannad* after their retirement for practising as vakils in the courts of Travancore ;

(*b*) how many other judicial officers have been given the *sannad* after their retirement for practising ;

(*c*) whether any resolutions of protest have been received from the Vakils' Associations, and, if so, what action has been taken on such resolutions ; and

(*d*) whether Judges of the High Courts in British India are permitted to practise after retirement, and, if not, why ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Five.

(*b*) Five.

(*c*) A resolution protesting against retired Judges being allowed to practise in law courts has been received from the Travancore High Court Vakils' Association. The question is engaging the attention of Government.

(*d*) Government understand that permanent Judges of the Indian High Courts have to give an undertaking when appointed that they will not practise within the jurisdiction of the High Court of which they were Judges.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : It is given as answer to part (*d*) that "Government understand that permanent judges of the Indian High Courts have to give an undertaking when appointed that they will not practise within the jurisdiction of the High Court of which they were judges". May I know on what principle the above specified undertaking is insisted upon ?

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Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : That is the practice in British India.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know on what principle such an undertaking is insisted upon?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The principle, I believe, is that judges of the Indian High Courts should not practise within the jurisdiction of the Courts in which they were judges.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Travancore Government have any idea of insisting upon honourable judges of the High Court not to practise after their retirement?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There is no such idea at present.

Protests against retired judges practising as vakils.

65. ***Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a resolution adopted by the Trivandrum Vakils' Association protesting against retired judges being allowed to practise in law courts, and, if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A resolution has been received from the Travancore High Court Vakils' Association relating to retired High Court Judges and the matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Applications for loans from the Land Mortgage Bank.

66. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai:** (1) With reference to the applications for loans from the Land Mortgage Bank, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total number of applications received in 1111 and 1112 up-to-date (7-4-1112) and also the total amount applied for, as distributed among the several taluks of the State?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many of the applications are from Government Officers as such and how many from agriculturists and the amount applied for by these two classes, respectively;

(*b*) how many applications were rejected by the Board; and

(*c*) how many times the Board of Directors of the Bank met?

Rao Bahadur A. Rangasvami Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (1) The *statement is laid on the table.

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